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NS3 PROTEASE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the restriction requirement mailed November 17, 2005:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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